(b) whether there are any similar Co-operatives anywhere in the country which are defying such elementary laws of the land and selling farm produce in packs without marking price and if so, details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government as a first step will withdraw all loans, grants and other support and recognition from such Government supported Cooperatives and also black list them and cancel their import licenses apart from other punitive action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, no declaration as to the sale price and month and year of manufacturing/packing are required to be made on uncanned packages of butter. Butter being not a controlled item, the concerned trade and industry determines the price.

Development of Food Processing Industry in M.P.

2026. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for the development of food processing industry in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for the development of food processing industry in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) This Ministry has formulated several developmental plan schemes for the 8th Plan under which assistance is provided to State Government organisations/cooperative societies/voluntary agencies/joint sector/public sector organisations for the development of food processing industries in the States. The State Governments have been requested to formulate suitable schemes for the development of food processing industries for the 8th Plan keeping in view the potential available in their respective States.

Joint ventures in deep sea fishing

2027. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large number of proposals for joint ventures in deep sea fishing and sea food business involving fishing companies from USA, Japan and Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects under consideration and the present state of negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) While no proposal for joint venture in deep sea fishing with Saudi Arabian company has been received, one joint venture proposal for deep sea fishing and processing in collaboration with a U.S.A. company has been cleared. Another joint venture proposal with a Japanese company which envisages fishing operation and on-board processing with a factory ship of 110 m overall length in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone for production of 'Surimi' and fish meal is under consideration.

Violation of commitments by Pepsi

2028. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in the Economic Times dated 30th April, 1992 captioned "Ministry is

a quandary as Pepsi violates commitment";

(b) whether it is a fact that various violations has been noticed in this ragard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner Government propose to proceed against the company to enforce export commitment by the company;

(d) whether there is any move to open up completely the food processing and fishery sector to multinationals;

(e) the details of demands and amendments requested to allow free play for foreign companies in the food processing and fishery sector; and

(f) the reaction of Government to such demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While issues relating to fulfilment and interpretation of certain terms of Letter of Intent and Foreign Collaboration Approval are under examination in consultation with the Ministry of Law, the matter of export obligation is examined by the Chief Contoller of Imports and Exports in the Ministry of Commerce.

(d) to (f) There is no restriction for foreign companies to enter into certain food processing industries and deep sea fishing and processing in India in collaboration with an Indian company in terms of policies, rules, regulations and guidelines. Automatic approval for foreign technology agreement and 51 per cent foreign equity participation are also allowed in certain food processing industries under liberalised industrial policy.

Funds for development of infrstructural facilities in Growth Centres

2029. SHRIMATI PRITABHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3206 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government have released funds to the competent authorities for development and providing basic infrastructural facilities of Growth Centres, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that no infrastructural facilities has yet been developed since June 1988 in the selected Growth Centres *viz.* Bawal (Haryana) and Shimla (Himachal Pradesh), which are near the national capital and which could attract a large number of entrepreneurs and NRIs; and

(c) what sort of facilities, incentives subsidies and liberal financial assistance are being offered to the entrepreneurs by the Central/State Governments for setting up of industries in such backward and other Growth Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Government have released till the end of March, 1992, a sum of Rs. 41 crores to various State Governments towards the 22 approved growth centre project reports as indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of Growth Centre	District	Amount released
1	2	3
ANDHRA PRADESH		
1. Hindupur	Anantapur	200·00
2. Ongole	Prakasam	200·00
3. Vizianagaram-Bobbili	Vizianagaram	200·00